

CLAIMS

1. An information processing apparatus
5 comprising:

a storage unit; and

a processing part which registers information of the information processing apparatus by transmitting to a first database of a registration center when a password input error is detected, and stores transmission log information related to a transmission to the registration center into said storage unit.

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2. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said processing part includes means for transmitting to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in said storage unit, and for making a system lock with respect to the information processing apparatus if the information related to the information processing apparatus is registered in the first database or the second database.

3. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said processing part includes means for outputting a warning if the information related to the information processing apparatus is registered in the second database.

4. An information processing apparatus
35 comprising:

a processing part which searches a first database of a registration center and registers

information related to a predetermined apparatus into a second database of the registration center if the information related to the predetermined apparatus is registered in the first database.

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5. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein said processing part includes means for deleting the information related to the predetermined apparatus registered in the first database and/or the second database.

6. An information processing apparatus comprising:

a first database which registers information related to a first apparatus when notified of a password input error at the first apparatus, in response to a transmission from the first apparatus;

a second database which registers the information of the first apparatus when the information related to the first apparatus is notified from a second apparatus and the information related to the first apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second apparatus; and

a processing part which controls registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

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7. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said processing part includes means for deleting the information related to the first apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information related to the first apparatus is

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a step which outputs a warning if the information related to the information processing apparatus is registered in the second database.

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14. The information processing apparatus

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means for causing the computer to register information related to a first apparatus in a first database when notified of a password input error at the first apparatus, in response to a transmission from the first apparatus;

means for causing the computer to register the information of the first apparatus in a second database when the information related to the first apparatus is notified from a second apparatus and
5 the information related to the first apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second apparatus; and

means for causing the computer to control registration of information to and deletion of
10 information from said first database and said second database.

22. The computer-readable storage medium
15 as claimed in claim 21, further comprising:

means for causing the computer to delete the information related to the first apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information related to the
20 first apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second apparatus.

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23. The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in any of one of claims 16 to 22, wherein said program forms a portion of a control program or an operating system of the information processing
30 apparatus.

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